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**Arizona State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne Teams with
Constitution Committee, Others to provide U.S. Constitution DVD to Every School**

PHOENIX (Tuesday, September 13, 2005) -- Arizona State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne, in cooperation with the Arizona Constitutional Commemoration Committee, State Farm Insurance Companies, Modern Woodmen of America, Arizona Optometric Association, Phelps Dodge and Southwest Gas, have provided two free DVD copies of "A More Perfect Union" to every school in Arizona in order to celebrate U.S. Constitution Day.

Recent Federal Law requires each school in the country to hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 Constitution Day.

"I am pleased to work with the Constitutional Commemoration Committee in highlighting the importance of the U.S. Constitution to our students," said Horne. "I have worked to increase the academic rigor of our history standards, and this new law is in line with that."

"A More Perfect Union: America Becomes A Nation", officially recognized by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, is the first comprehensive recreation of the stirring, heated debates during the sweltering summer of 1787. Filmed on location at Independence Hall, Williamsburg, Virginia, and other historical sites, it dramatically chronicles how America became a nation and those underlying principles that guard our freedoms today.

The Arizona Constitutional Commemoration Committee is a statutorily established committee made up of government and community members. Its charge is, in part, to promote public understanding of the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

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